THE GAY SEASON.

Senator Miller's Dinner to President Arthur and Mrs. McElroy.

Mrs. Mahone's Reception at the Arlington-Other Social Events.

Senator and Mrs. J. F. Miller, of California, gave a very handsome dinner party last evening in hopor of President Authur and his sister, Mrs. McElroy. The table was decorated with a large centerpiace of roses, and a flat straw basket, filled with choice roses, was laid at each lady's plate. The silver service and the other table appointments were exceptionally rich and elaborate. Among the guests invited to meet the President and his sister were Senstor and Mrs. Morrill, Senator Butler, the Russian minister and Mme, de Struve, the British minister and Miss West,

de Struve, the British minister and Miss West, Postmaster General and Mrs. Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine, Gen. E. F. Beale and Miss Lilo McMullen, of San Francisco.

Secretary and Mrs. Frelinghuysen gave a dinner party of twenty-two covers last evening, which concludes their series of dinners to members of the diplomatic corps. The guests were the German minister and Mme. Von Eisendecker, the Hawaiian minister and Mrs. Carter, the Guatemain minister and Von Eisendecker, the Hawalian minister and Mrs. Carter, the Guatemalan minister and Mme. Batres, the Peguvian minister, Senor Elmore; the Netherlands, minister, M. de Weckherlin; the Danish minister and Mme. de Bille; the Spanish minister, Senor Valera; the Brazilian charge d'affaires, Senor Valente; the Venezuelan minister, Senor Soteldo; Senator Anthony, Representative and Mrs. Dorsheimer; Baron d'Arinos, of the French and American claims commission; Miss Stewart, of Vermont, and Miss Howell, daughter of Admiral Howell. of Admiral Howeli.
Senator and Mrs. Hale entertained a com-

pany at dinner yesterday evening.

Mrs. Earl English, wife of Commodore Eng. Mrs. Earl English, wife of Commodore English of the mavy, gave a lunch party yesterday in honor of the President's sister, Mrs. Mc. Elroy. The ladies invited to visit her on this occasion were Mrs. William E. Chandler, Mrs. J. G. Carlisle, Mrs. Philip Sheridan, Mrs. Richard Drum, Mrs. E. V. Kinsley, Mrs. Rixey and Mrs. Taunt, daughters of the hostess.

hostess.

Senator and Mrs. Hawley have issued cards for a tea on Wednesday afternoon of this week in honor of their friend, Mr. Charles Dudley Warner, of Hartford, who is heir guest for the present week.

Mrs. Mahone, wife of the Virginia senator,

gave a large and very handsome tea at the Arlington yesterday afternoon. The rooms used for the entertainment, were the lower suite in the house so long the residence of feverdy Johnson, and the gathering was a particu-larly gay and brilliant one. Mrs. Mathone's own unfailing spirits and humor are always a sufficient inspiration for any company, and her guests made the house merry with the sound of voices in conversation. There were her guests made the house merry with the sound of voices in conversation. There were not half a dozen geatlemen present, and as a ladies' party it was a successful and most enjoyable one. Mrs. Mahone was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Willard, Mrs Wise. Mrs. Gordon, and Miss Steatham, of Virginia, and Miss Preston, daugher of the Haytian minister. Her little daughter was present during the afternoon, and Mr. Butler Mahone lent his assistance to the ladies in the dining room, where a very handsome collation was served from a table ornamented with a large centerpiece of roses and wreaths of smilax. Coffee, tea, and punch were served from smaller tables at either side. Mrs. Mahone received in a toilet of silver gray satin and brocade, with point lace jabot and diamond ornaments. Mrs. Millard were black velvet and point lace; of silver gray satin and brocade, with point lace jabot and diamond ornaments. Mrs. Millard wore black velvet and point lace; Mrs. Wise, an entire dress of black thread lace over white silk; Mrs. Gordon, black satin and jet; Miss Steatham, of Lynchhurg, black satin and jet, and Miss Preston, gray satin combined with crimson velvet. Annong those present were Mrs. and Miss Gresham, the Italian minister and Baroness Faya, M. and Mme. Dupny de Lorne, Mrs. J. P. Jones, Miss Whitney, Mrs. Warner Miller, Miss Churchill, Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, Mrs. Russell Harrison, Miss Kato Davis, Mrs. Platt, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Demill, Mrs. Quinn, of Detroit; Mrs. Julia Anagnos, of Boston, Mrs. and Miss Pike, Mrs. Manderson, Mrs. A. F. Stevenson, Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. J. G. Carlisle, Mrs. Hoar, Miss Dawes, Miss Swan, Mrs. Angus Cameron, Mrs. Cockrell, Mrs. and Miss Cullom, Mrs. Ingalls, Mrs. Conger, Miss Hill, Mrs. Pugh, Miss Wilson, Mrs. George W. Steele, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Seney, Mrs. Frank Hiscock, Mrs. Winnas, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Spooner, Mrs. Tweedale, Mrs. and Miss Carter, Mrs. Arthur MacArthur, Miss Carpenter, Mrs. D. W. Bliss, Mrs. and Miss Van Buren, Mrs. Richard Mrs. and Miss Cartor, Mrs. Arthur MacArthur, Miss Carpenter, Mrs. D. W. Bliss, Mrs. and Miss Van Buren, Mrs. Richard Crowley, the Misses Crowley, the Misses Ranney, Mrs. and Miss Farrell, Miss Alley, Mrs. George E. Adams, Mrs. and Miss Slocum, Mrs. and Miss Beach, Mrs. Ermentrout, Mrs. Richard Drum, Mrs. Herschel Hatch, Mrs. James Wadsworth, Miss Kilbourn, Mrs. and Miss Murphy, and many others.

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Mrs. MacArthur will not receive to-day.

The Greely Relief. Secretary Chandler stated yesterday morning that the medical examination of Capt. W. A. Kirkland, who had been selected to command the Greely relief expedition, showed sound enough to warrant his being assigned charge of the expedition, and therefore he had selected Commander W. S. Schley instead, and had ordered him to hold himself in readiness to command the expedition. It was stated some time ago that Commander Schley had expressed to his friends that he desired to go to the belief of the Greely party, but refrained from doing so publicly for fear his services might not be desired. The secretary showed his confidence in his ability by selecting him for the responsible position. He has been on duty for a few months past in the bureau of equipment and recruiting in the mayy department. Previous to that he was on lighthouse inspection duty. He is about 44 years of age and has never been on the sick list since he entered the service in 1855. No other officers have as yet been selected to go charge of the expedition, and therefore he other officers have as yet been selected to go on the expedition, although Capt. Wilde is mentioned as the commander of the Bear. The Thetis will sail from Dundee for New York between the twenty-third and twenty fifth instant. She is in command of Licut. Lazarus Reamey, who was detailed by Ad-miral Baldwin from the Lancaster for that

To Protect American Sallors.

The bill introduced yesterday by Representative Foran to regulate lake and marine shipping, provides that every vessel in the United States in the foreign or coasting trade or in the navigation of the lakes shall be required to carry, if a sailing vessel, in addition to her officers, a crew of competent seamen of not less than four to a vessel of from 200 to 250 tons, of not less than five to a ves-sel of from 250 to 330 tons, of not less than six to a vessel of from 350 to 500 tons, of eight to a vessel of from 550 to 500 tons, or eight to a vessel of from 550 to 1,000 tons, and for every additional 150 tons registered tennage, one additional seaman. Steam vessels shall carry, in addition to their officers, a crew of not less than four seamen for every vessel not exceeding 300 tons, and one additional seaman for every 150 tons, or fractional part. not exceeding any tons, and one administration asseaman for every 150 tons or fractional part thereof. The bill also provides that the collector of any port shall detain any vessel which shall be overloaded, and shall refuse a clearance until the cargo or load shall have been reduced to an amount fit and proper for such vessel to carry. The bill further pro-vides that a vessel arriving st any port of the United States overloaded shall be liable to penalties. The discharge of American sea-men navigating the lakes in Canadian ports is prohibited.

The Relief for Flood Sufferers.

The secretary of war has so distributed his forces in the matter of affording relief to the sufferers from the Ohio overflow that he is no longer dependent on the civil authorities. Hereafter all remittances of money will be made direct to the officers of the army, who have been stationed at the different instead of to the mayors of the cities as hore-instead of to the mayors of the cities as hore-tofore. This change is made so as to bring the work of relief more directly under the department and to enable the officers detailed to that work to personally attend to all neces-

sary details. At the request of the secretary of war Secratary Folger has placed at his dis-posal the lighthouse steamer Lily, now at Cincinnati, for use as a relief boat. At the re-quest of the secretary of war, Assistant Surgeon Ames, of the marine hospital service, has been ordered to accompany the relief boat which started from Evansville, Ind., and render whatever medical aid may be found necessary.

FITZ-JOHN PORTER.

Bourbon Determination to Reverse the

Results of the War. Letter to the Chicago Tribune.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 6.—In the discussion of the Fitz-John Porter bill in congress one point is shunned and entirely overlooked-which is, that during the war there was a class, aptly called copperheads, who rejoiced at every reverse to the federal arms and gloried in the men who brought arms and gloried in the men who brought about such reverse, whether they were in the confederate cabinet, or the confederate army, or in the federal congress—as Vallandigham—or in the federal army. I well remember such almost open rejoicing in Chicago over the disaster to Gen. Pope; and it was well known that the secret copperhead organizations in southern Illinois and Indiana, think-ing that the signs had come when they could ing that the time had come when they could do so with impunity, threw off disguise, rejoiced with bonfires and the display of the

stars and bars. Maj. Gen. Fitz-John Porter, more than any other man, caused the disaster which cost the lives of thousand of our boys and came near to causing the triumph of the confederacy. In any other country he would have been shot for his treachery and treason as soon as a drumhead court martial could have been confor his treachery and treason as soon as a drumhead court martial could have been convened. It was not, as suggested during the discussion in the house, that Gen. Porter had become "disgrantled and jealous," it was because that then as now, his sympathies were with the rebellion. There is not a confederate or a copperhead now on the floor of congress but knows this to be so. It was this act of treachery that endeared Fitz-John Porter to the rebel and copperhead hearts. It showed that he was one of them. He was, as soon as possible, taken care of by the copperhead administration of New York by being made chief ongineer of the city at a salary of \$25,000; and from that day to this the confederates have been endeavoring to reward him, and now that they are again "solid" and in the saddle, they are bound not only to reward Fitz-John Porter but all who were with them in the rebellion; while Gen. Pope and all others, even to the maimed soldiers who were in earnest in fighting to suppress the rebellion, are the objects of their relentless hatred. Let not the republicans be luited into quietness through the belief that ex-rebels, whether in congress or elsewhere, except such noble souls as Mahone, are any more favorable toward the north than when in arms they rushed into battle with their more favorable toward the north than when in arms they rushed into battle with their flerce and fiendish yell, or when they malign-antly tortured our boys to death at Ander-

antly tortured our boys to death at Andersonville.

The confederates lost nothing in the fight that they have not more than secured by fraud, by intimidation, and murder. By such means they now have a majority in the house of representatives. They are united, grasping, persistent, unyielding, and can implicitly rely on the copperhead democracy in congress to co-operate with them, for if these can only have the privilege of serving the ex-confederates as menials they are more than satisfied. With such designs and such determination how long will it be, unless republicans awake to the peril, before the solid south will be as completely in control as though by force of arms?

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Through undue clemency and hasty amnesty the once paralyzed and hopeless hosts
of the confederacy were revived and strengthened and are again being placed over their
victors. Who is responsible for this exercise
of clemency—a clemency as unwise as would
have been that of the powers of heaven had
they thus treated the rebol hosts who were
east these into the place present of them. cast thence into the place prepard for them. This act of the confederates shows more plainly than any other since the war that they are determined to reverse the results of the war; and with every branch of the government in their hands the north will be powerless except to act as states. REPUBLICAN.

Public Buildings.

The house committee on public buildings has decided to report favorably a resolution calling for the report of the committee that investigated the charges last summer against supervising Architect Hill. The committee purpose considering the advisability of new legislation concerning the erection of public buildings. Members of the committee are of the opinion that the work can be done more economically under the control of the engineer department of the army, retired officers baying charge of it. Several years along for having charge of it. Several years since Gen. Sherman advocated such a change. He said it would give employment to officials who have nothing to do, and who desire to be

engaged.

The house committee agreed to report favorably bills for the erection of a public building at Keokuk, Iowa, to cost \$150,000; at Troy, N. Y., to cost \$200,000; at Paterson, N. J., to cost \$50,000; at Ia Crosse, Wis., and Lancaster, Pa., to cost \$100,000 each, and for a building at Chicago, for the use of the appraisars, to cost \$50,000. praisers, to cost \$50,000.

Investigating Star Route Prosecutions. The committee on expenditures in the dethat his physical condition was not quite partment of justice has determined to begin on March 3, and continue from day to day until completed, an examination into the manner in which star route prosecutions have been and are being conducted, and into the conduct, efficiency and good faith of all offi-cials or persons in the employ or pay of the United States, in connection with these prosecutions. The committee will also investigate whether or not guilty parties have been duly prosecuted. All participants in the trials on the part of the government or indvividuals will be called to give testimony, the investigation beginning with the appointment of Mr. MacVeagh as attorney general and Mr. James as postmaster general. The examination, it is believed by members of the committee, will continue throughout two mostles.

Exports.

The chief of the burea u of statistics reports that the total values of the exports of domestic cattle, hogs, and of beef, pork, and dairy products during the month of January, 1884; also of beef and pork products during the three months, and of dairy products during the nine months ended Jan. 31, 1884, as compared with similar exports during the corresponding periods of the preceding year, were as follows:

Officials Opposed to Proposed Legislation. Gen. Meigs has written a letter to Repre-sentative Randall, of the appropriations committee, protesting against the proposed legismittee, protesting against the proposed legis-lation to prevent retired office rs from holding civil positions under the government and drawing pay therefor. He says the pay to a retired officer is in the nature of a pension, and that officials ought not to be prohibited from receiving pay for work performed for the government. Gen. Meigs is superintendent of the new pension building in process of con-struction, and will be compelled to resign that position if the proposed new law be enacted.

Opposed to Interference with Tariff. The ways and means committee yesterday heard a number of manufacturers of cotton goods, who are opposed to the Morrison tariff hill. Charles H. Dalton, of Massachusetts, and C. N. Willis, of New York, asked that there be no interference with the present law. J. B. Barnaby, of Rhode Island, a manufacturer of ginghams, asked that the present duty be increased nearly 100 per cent.

No More Permits. The treasurer has represented to the secretary of the treasury that the number of visitors to the vaults in his office has become so great as to seriously interfere with the proper discharge of the duties of the elerical force in that bureau. The secretary has therefore decided to discontinue the giving of permits

TO DIVIDE DAKOTA Provisions of the Bill Introduced in the

Senate for that Purpose. The bill introduced in the senate yesterday by Mr. Harrison for the admission of Da-kota as a statel provides for the separation of the present territory and the erection of the northern part into a separate territory, to be known as the territory of North Dakota, with the capital at the city of Bismarck. It recites the action of the people of the south-ern part of the present territory in forming & constitution and state government, and declares that that portion of the territory is sufficient in population, area, and resources to assure a permanent and stable state government. It then provides that this state government. It then provides that this constitution be submitted to a vote of the persons qualified as voters under its provisions at a general election, and that upon proof submitted to the President of the United States that a majority of all the votes cast at such election have been cast for the said constitution he shall announce the same by proclamation, and that thereupon, and without further proceedings by congress, the admission of the state into the union shall be complete, and the senators and representatives from that state shall be entitled to take their seats without further delay.

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The bill also provides for the assumption by the state so admitted of all the indebtedness of the present territory of Dakota, incurred for public buildings which are built or provided by law to be built within the limits of said proposed state, and for the assumption by the territory of North Dakota, when so organized, of all the indebtedness incurred for such public buildings located or to be such public buildings located or to be located within the limits of said proposed

torritory.

It also provides for the setting apart of lands for sgricultural college, common school, and public building purposes in the proposed state; for the continuation of the present laws of the territory in the territory of North Dakota, and the continuation in office in that territory of the governor, secretary, chief and associate justices, United States marshals, and the district attorney of the present territory.

Gen. Sherman to President Arthur. The President has received the following letter from Gen. Sherman acknowleding the complimentary manner in which the President had announced his retirement from the

army:
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A. Arthur, President of the United
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which are reported in the journals of the day.
To me it was a surprise, and a most agreeable
one. I had supposed that the actual date of
my retirement would form a short paragraph
in the common series of special orders of the in the common series of special orders of the war department, but as the honored executive of our country has made it the occasion for his own hand to pay a tribute of respect and affection to an officer passing from the active stage of life to one of ease and rest, I can only say that I feel highly honored, and congratulate myself in thus rounding out my congratulate myself in thus rounding out my record of service in a manner most gratifying to family and friends. Not only this, but I feel sure that when the orders of yesterday are read on parade to the regiments and garrisons of the United States many a young hero will tighten his belt and resolve anew to be brave and true to the starry banner which we of our day have carried safely through one epoch of danger, but which may yet be subjected to other trials which will demand similar sacrifices, equal fidelity and courage, and a larger measure of intelligence.

Ag. 4 thanking you for so marked a com-Ag. 1 thanking you for so marked a com-pliment, and reciprocating the kind wishes for the future, I am, with profound respect,

your friend and servant, W. T. Sherman, General,

Crowding Railroad Corporations. A bill compelling land grant railroad comsurveying lands was reported yesterday by a subcommittee to the full committee on Pacific railroads. Action on the report was postponed until the next meeting of the com-mittee. Representative Anderson was before the committee and urged a favorable report on the bill recently introduced by him, which on the bill recently introduced by him, which provides that in case any Pacific railroad company shall fail to pay the interest on its first mortgage bonds a receiver shall be appointed to protect by certain specified means the interests or the government as guarantor of its second mortgage bonds.

Against the Speculators.

A bill introduced by Representative Reese, of Georgia, yesterday provides that no letter. circular, registered letter, or money order concerning contracts for the sale of goods to be delivered at a future date, when both parbe delivered at a future date, when both par-ties to such contract know that the seller ex-pects to buy himself to fulfill the contract, and that no skill, labor, or expense enters into the consideration, but that the sale is purely speculative, shall be carried by mail. It also provides that any person who know-ingly deposits such matter for delivery by mail shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. more than \$500.

The Reclamation of the Waste Lands. Senator Plumb reported adversely yesterday from the committee on public lands the bill introduced by Senators Williams and Voorhees to provide for the reclamation of arid and waste lands in certain western states and territories.

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